CURRENT TOPICS.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE WORLD.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THE Democratic Senators have held tion of the case, while Sepators Saulsbury, it ought to be brought before the Senate creted. without delay. It was finally decided, by a majority of three, that the matter should be held in abeyance until after the Geneva man of the Elections Committee may call it in a dangerous condition. up, unless in the meanwhile the Democratic caucus shall decide otherwise.

GOV. WILLIAM A. HOWARD of Dakota died at Washington on the 10th, aged 67. He was a leading Republican of Michigan and had served three terms in Congress. GLADSTONE has declined a public re-

ception in London. GEN. GRANT arrived in Mobile on the 9th, where he was received by a delegation from the Cotton Exchange, at whose invitation he visited the city. There was no public demonstration.

THE Oregon delegation to the Cin-THE Irish associations in London will

give Parnell a grand reception. THE statement made by Mr. Springer in the House, on the 5th, regarding his action as a member of the Elections Committee in the Donnelly-Washburn case, has brought out several additional statements, either directly or indirectly, from gentlemen who feel aggrieved by his explanation of the matter. Mr. Finley, whom Mr. Springer intimated was the author of the anonymous bribery letter, repudiates with scorn the accusation; Mr. Donnelly asks the Committee on Elections to order an investigation in order to clear himself of the charge that he was the abettor of the scheme; and finally Mr. Tilden, through a friend, is reported as denying that he has in any way attempted to influence the action of the Committee in the

case mentioned. THE House Committee on Military Affairs have selected for appointment the following Superintendents of the National Soldiers' Homes: Gen. J. M. Palmer, of Illinois, to succeed Thos. O. Osborn; Maj. foot in his room at the barracks, with a D. C. Fulton, of Wisconsin, to succeed E. B. | piece of one ear gone and otherwise bruised Walcott; Gen. Joel Parker, of New Jersey, to succeed H. G. Stebbins; Gen. Wm. G. | night three masked men attacked him while Franklin, of Connecticut, to succeed Gen. in bed and committed the outrage. It was B. F. Butler; Gen. Charles Roberts, of at first taken to be an atrocious case of haz-Maine, to succeed Frederick Smythe; Gen. ing by his brother cadets, but an M. T. McMahon, of New York, to suc- investigation by the commandant satisfied ceed Gen. J. H. Martindale. Gen. McClel- the authorities that no member of the corps lan's name was withdrawn, as an acceptance | committed the crime. Some suspicion havwould involve his resignation of the office of Governor of New Jersey. The appointees up job" on the part of Whittaker for ulteare all Democrats the; incumbents are all Republicans.

Mr. John Dillon, who accompanied Mr. Parnell during his American tour, has been elected member of Parliament for Tipperary County.

THE Rhode Island State election, held on the 7th, resulted in no choice for Governor, it requiring a majority to elect. The Republican candidates for Secretary of State. Attorney-General and General Treasurer are elected by about the usual majority, there being no third candidates for those offices. The General Assembly will be threequarters Republican, insuring the election of Littlefield, Republican, for Governer. It is understood that a large majority of the Assemblymen-elect favor the re-election of Senator Burnside.

THE President has nominated Wm. A. Newell, of New Jersey, Governor of Washington Territory. IT is reported that Jay Gould is break.

ing down in health. Probably a stock-jobbing canard. WIENIAWSKI, the celebrated violinist who, a few years ago, made a tour of the

United States, is dead. ALPHEUS S. FOOTE, one of the proprietors of Pomeroy's Democrat, at La Crosse, Wis., charged with an attempt to burn the Democrat office, has been held for

trial. He is also charged with forgery. THE election in Indiana has resulted in the adoption of the constitutional amendment. One of these deals with the qualification of voters.

MR. GLADSTONE has been elected to Parliament from Mid-Lothian, defeating Lord Dalkeith, son of the Duke of Buccleuch, the great territorial magnate of the district.

THERE is a split among the Republicans of Utah and two delegations will apply for admission to the Chicago Convention.

THE centenary birthday of William Ellery Channing was commemorated on the 7th by appropriate services, both in this country and in England.

THE Connecticut delegation to the Chicago Convention stands five for Blaine, four for Edmunds, and three for Wash-

THE Iowa Democratic State Convention was held at Burlington on the 7th. A resolution to instruct the delegates to the National Convention to vote as a unit was laid on the table. The proceedings were

harmonious QUEEN VICTORIA will return from Baden Baden about the 15th.

LEON SAY has been appointed French Ambassador to England, with special instructions to negotiate a commercial treaty between that country and France.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

JULES STRASSER, Cashier of the Rothschilds at Vienna, has been arrested for embezzling 500,000 florins, lost in private THE House committee will report fa-

forably the bill appropriating \$100,000 for a public building at Jefferson City. . THE House Committee on Banking

and Currency will report the bill repealing that portion of the Internal Revenue laws requiring two-cent stamps upon bank checks.

A DISPATCH from Atlanta says President Newcomb has made a satisfactory agreement with Presidents Brown, Alexander and Wadley, whereby the Louisville and | bill passed by that body imposing imperial Nashville and the three great railroads in stamp duties, which was the cause of Bis-Georgia unite for mutual benefit on all marck's tendering his resignation.

Fron County Register through business. Savannah and Charleston are to be the ports. An office is to be established in New York and a grain eleva-

tor erected in Atalanta. HINSON & CUMMING, a prominent cotton commission house in New York, have

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

failed with large liabilities.

CHARLES ABBOT, aged 56, and Smith . Brown, alias McHenry, were suffocated in a burning building at Haverhill, Mass. on the morning of the 11th. Mrs. Emma Roberts was severely burned and injured internally by jumping from a window.

ENOCH MASSLANDER, a rich bachelor several caucuses to determine their action in farmer, who lived alone three miles from reference to the Spofford-Kellogg contest. Bellaire, O., across the West Virginia line, Senators Bayard, Lamar, Garland, Kernan was the other morning found burned to and others opposed the present considera- death in his house. It is believed that he was tortured to death by robbers in order to Half, Vance, Jonas and others insisted that make him disclose where his money was se-

THE family of Cornelius Palmer, living near Tweed, Ont., were recently poi. soned by eating wild parsnips. One child Award bill is disposed of, when the Chair- died, and the mother and four children were

JOHN POWELL and Robert Taylor were killed and several other quarrymen injured by an explosion of dynamite at Reading, Pa., on the 10th.

KING ALPHONSO has signed the death warrant of Otero, his would-be murderer. THE steamer Dariti was sunk by a collision on the river Danube. Sixteen persons were drowned.

EZRA BECKER and William Schum, firemen, were killed by a falling wall at the burning of Thompson & Co.'s flouring-mill at Dixon, Ill., on the morning of the 8th. A number of other firemen were badly hurt. cinnati Convention is said to be solid for The walls was thrown down by an explo-

> Amos Wooten was hanged at Bennettsville, S. C., on the 9th, for the crime of

SAMUEL ROBINSON, colored, was hanged at Leesburg, Va., on the 9th, for the murder of Edward Thomas, last October.

the Preston Colliery, one of the largest in the Scuylkill region, by which five men were badly injured, three fatally. ALBERT SCHELL, late city editor of the Cleveland Anzeiger, committed suicide on the 6th by drowning himself in the lake,

An explosion occurred on the 8th in

previous to which he had cut his throat. He was dissipated and in pecuniary straits. Louis Keenan, aged 24, a night watchman at Her & Co.'s distillery, Omaha-Neb., fell into a large tub of scalding slop and was found there in the morning, literally

cooked to death. JOHNSON C. WHITTAKER, the only colored cadet at West Point, on the morning of the 6th was found bound hand and and battered. He said that during the ing been created that the affair was a "put rior purposes, at his request a court of inquiry has been granted to fully investigate the matter.

A NEGRO tramp boarded a train on the Bee-line Railway at Sidney, O., on the 6th, and having no money the conductor put him off at Hardin Station. As the train started he got on the platform and fired through the window, presumably at the conductor, but the ball struck and killed a passenger, Joseph M. Lehman, of Houston, Shelby County, O. The negro escaped.

A NEGRO cabin twelve miles north of Memphis burned on the night of the 4th, and three young children who had been locked in by their parents while the latter went to church perished in the flames. The

fire originated from a coal-oil lamp. Mamie Fahie, aged 7, was fatally burned at Cincfinati, on the morning of the 6th. Her mother had gone out early to market, and during her absence the little one got up and attempted to light the fire in doing which she set fire to her clothing When the mother returned she found her writhing with pain, but still conscious though she died in about an hour afterward.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE second contest for the O'Leary belt resulted in the triumph of the negro, Frank Hart, who scored 565 miles, nearly twelve miles better than any previous record. PETROLEUM CENTER, Pa., was nearly wiped out by a conflagration on the

10th. Both sides of Main Street were swept clean. THE Purcell House at Norfolk, Va., was partially destroyed by fire on the 10th,

causing a loss of about \$10,000. The fire occasioned a panic among the guests, some of whom escaped with difficulty. A DISPATCH from Rangoon reports

that 700 men, women, boys, girls, priests and foreigners have been burned at Iveunder the towers of the city walls, as a sacrifice for the restoration of the King's health. The panic in Mandalay is frightful, and hundreds of people are leaving the city. The King's illness is said to be leprosy.

GEN. HATCH has had another fight with Indians, supposed to be Mescalero the same night. Apaches, in the San Andres Mountains. The Indians fled, leaving behind their dead number not stated. Colonel Hy. Carroll Ninth Cavalry, and seven soldiers were severely wounded. The troops followed in

THE Chilians are reported to have met with an overwhelming disaster while attempting to surprise and capture the city of Moquega. Their troops fell into an ambush and some thirteen hundred were killed, besides many wounded and cap-

THERE was a snow storm, accompanied by cold weather, throughout North. ern Georgia, on the 8th. ANOTHER Russian printing-office hes

been seized and its proprietor locked up. It was at Smolensk. BERLIN correspondents telegraph that

although no small excitement and even mild alarm was at first produced by the publication of the momentous news of Bismarck's resignation of the Chancellorship, these feelings soon gave way, on more sober reflection, to the conviction that the incident must not be looked at in its most serious light. In Parliamentary circles it is considered certain that the Bundesrath will reconsider the

J. H. RHORER, the defaulting Cashler of the late Savings Bank of Louisville, tiary for one year. The venerable prisoner attempted no defense, pleading guilty, and make the proper order the Auditor will isthrowing himself on the mercy of the jury sue his warrants for the amounts: As the verdict shows, they decided upo Co the lightest punishment the law permits. A PRIVATE letter from Aleppo say that in consequence of the famine 4.0 Koords descended from the mountain

Turkey, and murdered a number of pries and nuns and some European merchants. THE Mississippi Legislature has tdered a State census to be taken at the sae | C time and in the same manner as the Uniti States census.

plundered the town of Mardeen, Asia: B

CONGRESSIONAL. APRIL 7 .- Senate-The Vice-Presider announced by note that he would be abser for several days, and Mr. Thurman was choss to preside pro tem. The Consular and Diplomatic bill was placed upon the calendar. The resolution offered by Mr. Saunders, instructing the Committee on Indian Affairs to it quire into the propriety and expediency are removing the Santee Indians from Nebrash to Ponca Reservation, was adopted, by was subsequently reconsidered, and pendin debate the matter went over upon the expiration of the morning hour. Consideration with then resumed of the bill ratifying the Utagreement and Mr. Kirkwood offered a amendment providing that no money shabe paid until the surrender of the guilty If dians has been effected. Mr. Ingabadvocated the bill as the best pare ticable solution of the difficulty. Mi. Gr. Kirkwood's amendment was adopted..... Ha House—The Army Appropriation bill was considered in Committee of the Whole. The bill his as reported from the Military Committee considered by the act shall be paid for subsistence, equipment or transportation or combensation of any portion of the army of the Jac. for several days, and Mr. Thurman was chose tains a clause providing that no money appropriated by the act shall be paid for subsistence, equipment or transportation or compensation of any portion of the army of the Jac United States to be used as a police force to keep the peace at the polls at any election Jeff held within any State. During the discussion of the bill an angry controversy took place between Messrs Sparks (D., Ill.) and Clymer (D., Pa.), in reference to an amendment of fered by the former, in which he (Sparks gave the lie to Clymer. Mr. Clymer simply retorted that he (Sparks) could not insult him. At the request of a member Milling Sparks's language was taken down an reported to the House, and after mutual explanations the offensive epithet was finally withdrawn and ordered expunged from the record. The bill authorizing the Secretary 6 Mac Mexican Border Railroad Company for the immediate construction of a railroad from San Antonio, Texas, to a point on the look Grande at or near Laredo was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

April 8.—Senate—The Ute bill was fut-

APRIL 8.—Senate—The Ute bill was futher considered, but went over without a-tion House-The Army Appropriation The Military Committee appointed a sul-committee, Messrs. Sparks, (D., Ill.), Johr-son (D., Va.) and Browne, (R., Ind.), to in-quire into the alleged outrage upon Cade Whittaker at West Point. Putnam..... Ray
Beynolds.
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St. Charles.

APRIL 9 .- Senate-The House bill apprepriating \$50,000 for the erection of a puble building at Paducab, Ky., passed. Mr. Logm introduced a resolution requesting the Pres-dent to transmit such information as in his dent to transmit such information as in is judgment would not be incompatible with the public interests, regarding the recent alleged outrage upon Cadet Whittaker at West Point. The resolution was supported by Messrs. Voorhees, Bruce and Hoar. Pending debate the morning hour expired, and he resolution went over. The Ute bill was then taken up, and Mr. Vest addressed the Serate in support of the bill, "not because it has perfect, but because it was a procedule." House—The morning hour was dispensed with and the House went into Committee of the Whole on the private calendar.

APRIL 10 .- Senate-Not in session House-The Army Appropriation bill was fur ther considered in Committee of the Whole. The Republican members endeavored to force a general debate upon the amendment pro-hibiting the use of troops at the pells, but the Democrats resolutely refused to respond.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

THE Senate finally disposed of the bills were introduced into the House under the Monday call of States.

THE United States Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of the Missouri Supreme Court, disbarring Frank J. Bowman, of St. Louis.

AT Neenah, Wis., at an early hour on the morning of the 11th, three masked burglars entered the residence of Mrs. J. L. Coats, and, with pistols at her head, demanded her money. She refusing, they beat her into insensibility, ransacked the house, and made off with \$4,000 worth of diamonds. watches, jewelry, etc.

A suir pending in the United States Circuit Court at Chicago concerning the eleomargarine patent, has brought out the astounding fact that oleomargarine, which is never quoted in the market and which is not kept by any merchant as such, has a sale in this country of 98,900,000 pounds per

CHASTINE COX, the negro murderer of Mrs. Jane L. De Forrest Hull, in New York City, in May, 1879, has been re-senenced to be hanged. His previous sen-

ence was set aside on a writ of error. GEN. GRANT and party arrived at Vicksburg at an early hour on the morning of the 12th, had a reception at the Courthouse during the day, and left for Memphis

AT Waco, Tex., on the night of the wounded John A. French, the latter dying in an hour. The murderer then went home, and, when the officers came to arrest him, shot himself dead. Both were young men. The horrible tragedy grew out of jealousy,

and all about a disreputable woman. THE Kansas City, Burlington and Santa Fe Railroad Company has, it is announced, completed arrangements for means with which to extend its road immediately to Wichita, and for a further guarantee of neans to build from Kansas City to Ottawa,

and from Wichita to Santa Fe. TUCKER, colored, charged with the nurder of Abe Frazer in 1876, was taken from jail at Greensburg, St. Helena Parish, La., by a mob, and shot to death. It is tated that the people of the parish gener-

JOHN RATHBURN and Harry Harris ost their lives in a burning building at Lodi-Vis, on the morning of the 12th. John T fidden was badly burned. HEAVY frosts throughout sections of

illy condemn this act of lawlessness.

bio, Indiana and Kentucky, on the nights f April 9-12, caused great damage to early eaches and other fruit. RUSSIA is about to dispatch five large

var vessels to Chinese waters to protect her interests in that quarter.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

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tween the ages of six and twenty years. The

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At the State Penitentiary, on the 6th, John Smith, a convict from St. Francois County, assaulted with a spade and killed a fellow convict named Richard Broderick, from St-Louis, and then was himself shot and killed while resisting arrest, by Deputy Warden Bradbury. The Coroner's Jury declared Ute bill on the 12th. A large number of that the latter shooting was justifiable. Smith was from Tennessee, and only a few months ago had escaped from the Penitentiary at Nashville, where he had been sentenced for burglary and larceny. His real name was Jerry Nevels.

The Missouri Press Association, it is reported, will forego this year their customary annual excursion. The Convention will be held at Sedalia, commencing May 11.

The Governor has commissioned Dr. Thomas E. Holland Lieutenant-Colonel and Brigade Surgeon, N. G. M., on the staff of Brigadier-General Squires, to rank from the 7th inst., vice Surgeon Frank Porter, de-

John O'Leary, a switchman in the yard at Moberly, was run over by an engine the night of the 7th, and had both feet so badly crushed that next day amputation was found necessary. He was also injured internally, and lay in a critical condition.

The evening of the 8th, while Edward Lichtenberger, a brakeman, was employed in the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad yards. Kansas City, his foot got caught in a frog. and before he could extricate it he was knocked down by an engine and had his right arm cut off above the elbow.

The immigration committee appointed some time ago at a public meeting to work in the interest of Greene County has about concluded its labors, and a thorough report on the resources of the county and the inducements offered to immigrants will soon 1th, W. G. Hardwick shot and mortally be forthcoming. To represent Greene County in the immigration convention to be held in St. Louis, April 13, the following gentlemen have been selected: George M. Jones, George A. C. Woolley, J. M. Doling, Ralph Walker, J. E. Tefft, D. C. Kennedy, D. C. Leach, Hon. John S. Phelps, L. H.

Murray, F. S. Heffernan. Scott Young, of Old Franklin, Howard County, was sentenced to eight years in the Penitentiary on the 9th, within a week after an attempt at murder and robbery in the village named.

-"I shall know better next time," said Mrs. Keepupwiththestyle. "That hateful milliner told me the hat was something new, and there were four hats just like it in church; but I might have known better. I saw the new moon over my left shoulder. Of course I'd be unlucky."-New Haven Register.

-The highest salaries paid by any American college are those of the pro-fessors of Columbia, who receive amounts varying from \$7,500 to \$3,375

-The ex-Empress Carlotta of Mexico is said to be showing some signs of re- rope?-Athenœum. turning reason.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH

The salary of the Rev. Dr. John Hall, of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, has been increased from \$10,000 a year to \$15,000.

Bishop Bowman, now resident in St. Louis, has been invited by the Baltimore Methodist Conference to remove to that city, Bishop Ames having died recently. -A telephone was recently placed in the Congregational Church at North-

ampton, Mass., and connected with the houses of several who are unable to attend the services.

-The Methodist Protestant Church has commissioned its first foreign mis-

the seminary for the education of persons intending to become priests. -The New York Observer offers a premium of \$100 to students in theological seminaries for the "best essay de-

signed to counteract any ones of the many forms of assault upon Christianity by modern infidelity." The Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Danville, Ky., with a full Faculty and a library of 10,000 volumes, is getting along with a Senior class of three, a middle class of two and a Junior

class of one. -The Atlanta (Ga.) Baptist Seminary has ninety students. Most of the freedmen under its charge are studying for the ministry, and some of these are making heroic efforts to obtain an education. One of them had to sell his overcoat. Another tried living on one meal a day. The wife of another takes in washing to support him. Another worked for some

What Doctors Should Know.

months as a cook.

An exchange which devotes special attention to sanitary affairs suggests that the several hundred young physicians just graduated should supplement their studies by a course in hygiene. The advice is eminently good, but many a man will open his eyes in astonishment when he realizes that physicians need any such counsel; it seems as strange as to advise business men to study arithmetic or preachers to peruse the Bible. The plain truth is, however, that while the medical schools teach young men how to allevi-ate pain and heal the sick the greater art of preventing disease is in its infancy. How many physicians are competent to discover whether the atmosphere of a residence is pure or poisonous by reason of imperfect drainage? How many can detect impurities in drinking water-one 62 the most prolific causes of death in country homes? Have death-dealing hot air furnaces been banished from any considerable number of homes by medical advice? Have many families been instructed by their respective physicians upon the necessity and methods of home-ventilation? Is the family food supply and the manner of preparing it a fre-quent subject of professional advice? All these are matters of the gravest importance as affecting human life, yet nine families in ten are continually violating sanitary rules regarding one or the other without a word of remonstrance from their medical advisers, and there is good ground for belief that physicians' own families suffer as much as any others from neglect of these and kindred hygienic requirements. Until the days of this ignorance are gone medical attentions will not rise above the level of mere pottering. Let the new generation of physicians regard these things if they would secure and retain a good class of patients. To attend a family of children through diphtheria without losing any is quite a success, but a greater one would be to discover and abolish the cause when the malady first manifests itself, and the same is true of the many other diseases that are due to local conditions .- N. Y. Herald.

New York City and Its Population.

New York is almost the only American city which does not wish to grow. The census is next to a subject of indifference, because the more people who inhabit this narrow, limited area of island the greater is the individual cost of rent, food, theater tickets and church pews. Not one citizen in three can tell you the last known population of New York, though it was 1,041,886 by the State census of 1875. It is now not less than 1,200,000 within the municipal limits. Brooklyn, in another county, has 550,000, the Westchester settlement to our north 100-000, and the cities of Newark, Jersey City, Paterson and Richmond 800,000. The metropolitan district contains 2,000,-

000 people.

We are also the funnel of New Enrland and at the end of the tube of the Hudson. There are 6,000,000 of men who can do half a day's business in New York City, get breakfast and sup at home. Competition was distanced here by nature when she made Long Island Sound, the Hudson, the Passaic and Raritan all flow into New York Bay; the British occupation of New York for seven years would have ruined any other site,

as it ruined Newport in two.
In 1790 New York County had only 33,000 people to Albany's 76,000. Though blockaded all the period of the war of 1812, the city emerged from it with 100,-000 people and by 1830 had over 200,000 and has doubled since 1850. New York has now the populations of St. Louis and Chicago and San Francisco together on its island, and from the two opposite shores a Cincinnati and a Boston looking out .- " Gath," in St. Louis Post-Dis-

A Roman Child's Toys.

I was present the other day at Rome, when the cinerarium of a boy, a certain Hyllus, page to Tiberius, was discovered. His poor little bones had been inclosed in the vase together with his favorite toys. There was a small terra-cotta chicken, painted in bright colors, and a fragment of a puppet, in the shape of our pulcinellas, with clay bust, arms and legs of wood. The wood naturally was these miserable playthings of an obscure child should have, centuries after, the unexpected honor of being exhibited in one of the most famous museums of Eu-

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Comb-makers-Bees. Plane facts-Shavings. well-known field officer-A kernel

March is lion, indeed, if she calls herset a wring month.

At what time was Adam married?
Upon his wedding Eve.

+Extraordinary feat of nature -Jumping from winter to summer without a

-The heart of the young man is banged by the girl who bangs her hair. -N. O. Picayune.

has commissioned its first foreign finssionary, Miss I. M. Guthrie, who goes
to Japan. A woman's society in Pittsburg pays her salary.

—A Berlin dispatch says as the first
concession to the Pope, the Rishop of
Strasburg will be permitted to reopen
the complex for the education of persons. —When ladies meet they always greet with kisses heard across the street; but

man in church announces " Fifteenthly everybody gets up and leaves the house, as if satisfied that he cannot do it. -A woman who has her garret full of

"yarbs" of all descriptions, and a home-made scrap-book containing a cure for every ill that flesh is heir to always applies to a neighbor when she wants a rem-edy for the rheumatism or a sore throat. Norristown Herald. —A sentimental poetess asks: "Is there nothing for me to do?" O, you bet there is. Return the flour you bor-

rowed of the woman next door, patch up your husband's old clothes, let poetry saverely alone, and trim up that old last year's bonnet. There's plenty of work for you to do in this world. When you want for advice, inclose a stamp. - N. Y. -"Am I tired of life?" said a cheerful old man the other day in reply to the

question. "Not a bit of it. I remember landing in this town with a chip hat and a hickory shirt and a pair of breeches. I've been way up and I've been flat on my back, yet I'd like to begin and go it all over again—chip hat, shirt, breeches and all. Why? Well, you see, when you come to the end you don't know what's beyond. I'm dead sure of this other thing; and on the whole this world just tickles me to death."

An Election in a Swiss Canton.

Near to Sargans the Rhine becomes the dividing line between the Austrian Tyrol and East Switzerland. The Swiss Canton of Appenzell—"the little land of Appenzell"—with its pastoral people and its queer customs, runs in here to get a peep at the passing river. These Appenzellers are a very democratic people, even for democratic Switzerland. It is not only that every man has a voice in the law-making that it is democratic, but it is also in the primitive way in which that will is expressed. There was a time when peoples chose their kings by meeting en masse on a field, and giving the tallest man the crown. Something very similar is practiced even now in lit-

tle Appenzell. Every May-day the whole voting popwith swords and umbrellas, and led by a band of music, march out to a meadow, where the affairs of State and the election of officers are settled in short time by the sovereign people. The women of Appenzell occasionally join in this procession, and the grave-looking offi-cials, rigged in the uniform of state, gallantly give to the ladies the best standing room on the green. A little platform for the town grandees is elevated, around which the procession halts and listens to a prayer. Then follows the affairs of state, decided simply by a show of hands. Taxes are voted, fines laid, and officers chosen for the next year. In a few hours Appenzell's out-door parlia-ment is finished, and the people go to their homes, and lay their swords and flags away to rest for another year. This has been Appenzell's parliament for five hundred years.—S. H. M. Byers, in Harper's for April.

Animals Learning by Perception.

The education of animals by each other, an indisputable fact, is inconsistent with the notion of immutable and perfect instinct. The truth is, that many young animals, require tuition, for the proper development of their physical and men-tal nature, just as the human child does. Thus the eider duck gives its offspring lessons in swimming, the sea-swallow in fishing, the eagle in flight, the horse and mule in the application of cautiousness and adroitness in the avoidance of obstacles. The cow and goat instruct their young in the use of the head as a weapon of offense and defense; falcons teach their offspring to catch and eat their prey in the air chickens have to learn not to eat certain substances as well as how to drink; many young birds require tuition in song, inasmuch as they are not natural songsters. We scarcely need re-mind the reader that in the training or breaking in of sporting dogs, old thor-oughly-bred animals act as tutors, man here, however, supervising the process of instruction. In like manner domestic elephants are almost indispensable co-

agents in taming their wild comrades. Self-education occurs in other animals under the same circumstances as in man. involving the same mental qualities, displayed in the same way. Various birds learn for themselves the songs or notes of other species, and have concerts among themselves. The mocking-bird and jay learn their lessons by practice, precisely as children do. Elephants have their rehearsals by themselves, as was long ago pointed out by Pliny, and has been confirmed in modern times by Buckland; they practice for their daneing feats. The horse, too, when alone, practices its dancing lessons. Many animals profit by the very accidents that befall them. Thus the bee, after one attack on its live by the death's head moth, secepts the incident as a warning of what is likely to happen again, and forthwith makes provision for the contingency. This learning of lessons involves the volves the perception and correction of mistakes, and implies also what in man is called study or meditation.—" Mind in the Lower Animals," by Dr. Lindsay.

-The shell-mounds of Amori. Japan. contain bones of monkeys, deer, boars, wolves and dogs, with not a few remains that plainly point to the former preva-lence of cannibalism.

Reading, Pa., has just celebrated the 107th anniversary of its organization.